



St Francis Church

May 31st, 2026

Newsletter & Notices

Services This Week

This Sunday's service will be led by **Hazel McDermid** – see her note below

The **Duty Steward** on Sunday will be **Alan Flemming** and **Gwenda will** be reading the lesson.

Tuesday's communion service will be led by **Rev Wayne Hawkins**, the URC Minister responsible for the Oxford Ecumenical churches one of which is St Francis.

Advance notice:

Next week the **Duty Steward** will be **Lee Davis** and **Chris Smith** will be reading the lesson

Note from Hazel

Sunday 31st May is Trinity Sunday... Today !!

advertised as a healing service led by me, Hazel McDermid. This is to tell you that there will be no overhead screen or recorded music. Hymns and songs will be on service sheets, and Andrea has kindly agreed to provide live music. The service will be child friendly, with a small team assisting with prayers and readings.... Everyone welcome, and it would be wonderful to see you there!

Monday Prayer Meetings

The next 2 prayer meetings will be on Mondays, 8th and 22nd June from 2 to 3pm in church. Last Sunday, we celebrated Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus, filled the first disciples. We will pray that we all will be filled with that same Spirit, who encourages us, empowers us and makes us more like Jesus!

"Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit"

Ephesians ch1 v13

Betty & Hazel

NEWS ON THE VACANCY

The Vacancy has now been re advertised with a closing date of 11th June. Interviews will be held on Friday 10th July. Please pray that this time we will receive some applications

News on the *Arise Africa* petition

We have some great news! The *Arise Africa* petition has hit a milestone with over 600,000 signatures.

Millions of Christians face violent persecution in sub-Saharan Africa. They have been driven out of their homes and villages. Their churches have been burned, their homes and villages attacked. Lives have been lost.

The *Arise Africa* petition calls upon the global community to ensure that vulnerable Christians in sub-Saharan Africa get protection, justice and restoration. It's due to be presented to the UK government and to the EU and UN in November this year.

There's still time to add your signature, and please encourage others to do so. Use the link below. We want to do all we can to ensure that the suffering of Christians in Africa does not go unnoticed.

Richard Cook

[Arise Africa - Open Doors UK & Ireland](#)

note: *Open Doors* is one of the charities St Francis Church supports from its Mission Giving Fund

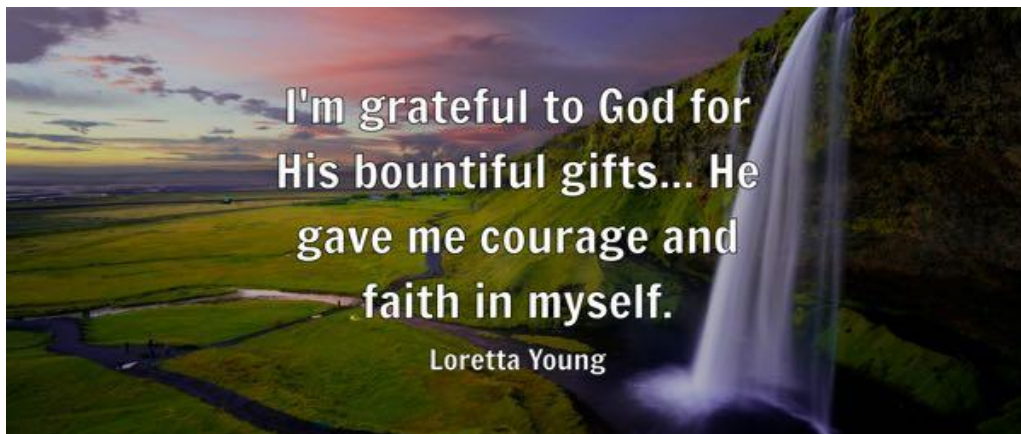
Our Little Thought of Hope For The Week

Gratefulness is not something we are born with. It is something we see, feel, receive, and then recognise, with great thanks and appreciation. Never ask for more – be grateful for what you have – and ask God that you may be able to keep only **what you do have**. Always remember... so may individuals **are not** as fortunate in life as you and me....

Thank God and be grateful to Him for what you receive.

Give Thanks in all circumstances: for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18



Next Newsletter

Please send any information that you would like included in the next Newsletter (Sunday June 7th, 2026**) by **Wednesday 3rd June, 9pm**. Please send requests for entries to phillipsdavid807@gmail.com

Diary Dates -

- **Praying for Church and Community**, Mondays, 8th and 22nd June from 2 to 3pm in church.
- **Forest Church: June 21st**